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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	FABRIC AND METHOD FOR SHARING AN I/O DEVICE AMONG VIRTUAL MACHINES FORMED IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM	

Enclosed are:

- 17 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese Patent application 2003-040232 to claim priority date of February 18, 2003.
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- An Executed Declaration.
- An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 with references.
- The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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